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Secretary Ron Curry Announces More Than \$1.2 Million in Funds for Hobbs Wastewater Treatment Plant

(Santa Fe, NM) — New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry today announced the city of Hobbs will be receiving more than \$1.2 million to from NMED to plan, design and build much-needed improvements to its wastewater treatment plant.

“New Mexico’s water supply is a limited resource. What little we have needs to be protected,” Curry said. “These funds will help ensure that Hobbs has the proper facilities to treat its municipal wastewater and prevent any unnecessary pollution of the state’s most critical resource.”

The funds, administered through NMED, were appropriated by the Legislature from the state’s Severance Tax Bond Fund (\$1,050,000) and the state’s General Fund (\$175,000).

A Professional Engineering Report, approved by NMED in July, identified needed improvements to Hobbs’ wastewater treatment facilities. The report recommended increasing the existing facility treatment capacity to 5.5 million gallons per day to meet a projected population of 39,500 by 2028 and to comply with current effluent re-use regulations.

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